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OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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News-Enterprise Press
Derry, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK

Robert C. Hazelton

SELECTMEN

Philip G. Hazelton Preston E. Goodrich

Austin C. Hunt

OVERSEER OF POOR

Philip G. Hazelton

TOWN TREASURER

Leroy D. Morse

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

SCHOOL BOARD

Ella A. Allen George W. Kimball

Mabel R. Finnigan

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

REPRESENTATIVE

Edwin P. Jones

POLICE OFFICERS

Edward E. Griffin, Chief

John A. West, Special

George Pettigrew, Special and Dog Officer.

ROAD AGENT

Charles H. Smith

HEALTH OFFICER

Preston E. Goodrich

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Arthur West Carroll Backmann

Edward E. Griffin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Mildred F. Hunt Dr. James S. Roberts

Walter P. Tenney

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Robert Partridge Ella A. Allen

Blanche C. Jones

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

George W. Kimball Walton Leighton

Harry Edwards

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Charles Morse William Wason

Maurice Colman Austin C. Hunt

Byron D. Mills

TRUSTEES OF WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME

Byron D. Mills Ella A. Allen

Myrtle Tenney George Gillingham

Farish G. Lewis

TOWN AUDITORS

George W. Kimball Byron D. Mills

Alvah Healey

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett

CUSTODIAN OF HALLS

Edward E. Griffin

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:
(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall, in said Chester on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for the same.

3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905 and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $523.57 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute $2,094.28.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and Old Age Assistance.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Street Lights.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

13. To see if the Town will vote to support United States membership in a general system of international cooperation, such as that proposed at the Dunbarton Oaks Conference, having police power to maintain the peace of the world.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths and Pruning Trees.

15. To see if the Town will accept the decree of Superior Court (Equity 1481) April term 1944 issued by Judge Thornton Lorimer and became final January 20, 1945.

15. (a) To see if the Town will give the Trustees of Wilcomb-Townsend Home authority to sell or dispose of such property as may be in their hands, at their discretion and pay such proceeds into the hands of Trustees of Trust Funds.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be set aside to be used for highways and bridges as a Post-war project, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 160 of the Session Laws of 1943, and pass any vote relating thereto.

17. At the request of Roger P. Edwards: To see if the Town of Chester will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a three to three and one half ton dump truck for Town and snow work.

18. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

19. Request of Selectmen of Raymond, N. H.

1. To see what action the Town will take in regard to closing road from Clifton Emerson's place in North Chester to Raymond Town line and post same to that effect.

2. To see what action the Town will take in regard to closing road from near Martin McLaughlin place in North Chester to Raymond Town line and post same to that effect.

3. To see what action the Town will take in regard to closing road from Hook's Corner in North Chester to Raymond Town Line and post same to that effect.

4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to closing road from Will Prescott's place in Chester to State Route 102, also Todd Road to Raymond Town line and post same to that effect.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th. day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and Forty-five.

Philip G. Hazelton
Preston E. Goodrich
Austin C. Hunt
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Philip G. Hazelton
Preston E. Goodrich
Austin C. Hunt
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1944	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1945
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	898.45	600.00
Railroad Tax	22.52	20.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Interest received on Taxes and Deposits	74.46	50.00
From Local Taxes other than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	568.00	540.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	15.00

OF CHESTER, N. H.
Year January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945 Compared
Year February 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1944	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1945
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' salaries	842.57	1,000.00
Town Officers expenses	516.37	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	249.97	150.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	51.60	60.00
Fire Department	241.49	500.00
Health:		
Health Department	25.00	35.00
Vital Statistics	9.00	10.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: (Summer and Winter)	3,000.00	3,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	802.71	500.00
Town Road Aid	255.26	523.57
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	25.00	
Old Age Assistance	353.60	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and other celebrations	49.90	50.00
Recreation:		
Parks and Playgrounds	17.10	25.00

BUDGET (continued).

Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	54.50	75.00
Interest:		
On Principal of Trust Funds used by Town	126.34	100.00
Indebtedness:		
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
To Restore Trust Funds	1,000.00	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	715.00	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	2,683.98	
Payments to School Districts	9,875.80	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1944.

Valuation April 1st, 1944.

Lands and Buildings	$600,050.00
Grown Wood and Lumber	33,665.00
	$633,715.00
Electric Plants	19,898.00
Horses, 41	3,900.00
Cows, 273	25,400.00
Other neat stock, 38	2,570.00
Sheep, 24	268.00
Hogs, 35	467.00
Fowls, 17,065	16,015.00
Fur-Bearing Animals, 2	50.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	18,340.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 16	1,970.00
Stock in Trade	25,500.00
Mills and Machinery, 7	4,000.00
	$118,378.00
Total Valuation	$752,093.00
Less Soldiers' Exemption	13,600.00
	$738,493.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Voted to raise and appropriate:	
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	380.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00
Town Hall	500.00
Police Department	85.00
Fire Department	500.00
Moth Extermination	500.00

Health Department	60.00
Town Road Aid	255.26
Town Maintenance	3,000.00
Post War Appropriation	715.00
Printing	125.00
Street Lighting	1,540.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00
Libraries	220.00
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor	1,000.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	50.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Interest	125.00
County Tax	2,683.98
School Tax	9,202.83
	$22,767.07
Net amount to be raised	21,405.75
Poll taxes and bank stock	683.00
Total amount raised by taxation	$20,722.75
Total rate on one hundred dollars	2.80

Financial Statement of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1944.

1944 Tax Levy (uncollected)	$2,413.06
1943 Unredeemed Taxes	85.19
1942 Unredeemed Taxes	70.09
Cash in hands of treasurer	9,139.12
	$11,707.46
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	$7,497.37

LIABILITIES

Cemetery and Library Notes

Sarah U. Lane	$200.00
John West	50.00
John W. West 2nd.	50.00
Page Reed Smith	80.00
Sally Lovering Sleeper	40.00
Joseph Dane	50.00
Mary E. Bean	50.00
Charles H. Green	100.00
Samuel Warren	50.00
Mark Sanborn	50.00
Herbert W. Robie	50.00
George W. Stevens, Library	339.80
	1,109.80

GREAT HILL CEMETERY NOTES

William White	75.00
Edmund Sleeper	45.00
Hannah Williams	50.00
Sarah A. True	75.00
Henry Moore	60.00
Samuel Parker	40.00
Lot Knowles	50.00
Charles H. Knowles	50.00
Charles Stevens	60.00
Oren F. Page	40.00
Hills Stevens	50.00
David Lane	70.00
Caroline M. Hall	50.00
Parker Morse	50.00
George Marden	50.00
James W. Gordon	50.00
James H. Hardy	50.00
George S. West	50.00

George H. Jack	60.00
Amos Hazelton	75.00
Ephraim Orcutt	50.00
Augustus Morse	50.00
Charles F. True	50.00
French Heath	50.00
Mary Merrill	25.00
Hannah M. Sawyer	50.00
James DeLestey	75.00
W. F. Warren	50.00
	$1,500.00

Liabilities

Notes due Trustees of Trust Funds	$2,609.80
Due School District, including dog tax	1,429.29
	$4,039.09

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chester, N. H.
January 27, 1945

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

George W. Kimball
B. D. Mills
Alvah G. Healey
Auditors

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There were 104 Dog Licenses issued during the year. The Clerk received $304.00.

Dog Tags cost $12.62, Postage .51 and Dog Tax Book $1.70. The Treasurer was paid $268.37 and the Clerk retained $20.80 in fees.

During the year Automobile Town Taxes totaled $583.45 which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

R. C. Hazelton
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash balance from last year		$7,019.69
Tax Collector:		
Property Tax, 1943	$2,027.29	
Poll Tax, 1943	64.00	
Property Tax, 1942 bought by town and redeemed	17.03	
Property Tax, 1943 bought by town and redeemed	332.54	
Poll Tax, 1944 at $2	568.00	
Poll Tax, 1944 at $3	900.00	
Property Tax, 1944	18,564.94	
Interest, 1944 Tax	2.82	
Interest, 1943 Tax	67.94	
Interest, 1942 Tax	3.70	
		22,548.26
Town Clerk:		
Auto Taxes, 1944	583.45	
Filing Fees, 1944	11.00	
Dog Licenses, 1944	268.37	
		862.82

State Treasurer:		
Railroad Tax	22.52	
Savings Bank Tax	198.94	
Interest and Dividends Tax	898.45	
		1,119.91
Forest Fires:		
State Treasurer	74.10	
Town of Raymond	2.00	
		76.10
Selectmen:		
Sale of land	48.60	
Insurance, Old Town Hall	2,000.00	
		2,048.60
Carrie Richardson, Treasurer:		
Wood for schools	24.50	
Katherine Brooks:		
Telephone charge	.50	
		25.00
		$33,700.38

Expenditures

Paid Selectmen's Orders Nos.		
488 to 644	24,561.26	
Cash in First National Bank,		
Derry, N. H.	9,139.12	
		$33,700.38

Leroy D. Morse
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chester, N. H., January 27, 1945.

We have examined the books of the Treasurer of the town and find them correctly and properly vouched.

George W. Kimball
Byron D. Mills
Alvah G. Healey
Auditors

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	753.57
Town Officers' Expenses	510.37
Election and Registration	271.97
Town Hall	328.11
Police Department	51.00
Fire Department and Forest Fire Expense	241.49
Moth Extermination	217.50
Bounties	6.00
Damage by Dogs	41.91
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	9.00
Town Road Maintenance	2,810.46
Town Road Aid	255.26
General expense of highway	297.71
Auto Permits	67.00
Street Lighting	1,405.02
Libraries	220.00
Old Age Assistance	353.60
Town Poor	25.00
Memorial Day	49.90
Parks and Playgrounds	17.10
Cemeteries	54.50
Taxes bought by Town	425.99

Pruning Trees	363.20
Interest	126.34
Post War Appropriation	715.00
Taxes on C. H. Webster estate (1943)	26.00
Discounts	370.95
Refund	5.08.
Wrong Tax	65.06
Tractor House	5.00
Term Note	1,000.00
County Tax	2,683.98
Special Poll Tax	882.09
School Money	9,875.80
War Emergency Account	5.30
	$24,561.26

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail No. 1

Town Officers' Salaries

Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	150.00
Preston E. Goodrich, Selectman	150.00
Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	135.00
Leroy D. Morse, Treasurer	50.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	218.57
Robert C. Hazelton, Town Clerk	50.00
	753.57

Detail No. 2

Town Officers' Expenses

Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	25.00
Preston E. Goodrich, Selectman	25.00
Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	25.00
Leroy D. Morse, Treasurer	35.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	3.00

Mildred F. Hunt, Trust Fund Treasurer	10.00
	123.00

Detail No. 2B

Alvah Healey, Auditor	4.00
Byron Mills, Auditor	4.00
George Kimball, Auditor, postage	5.00
John W. A. Green, copying transfers	8.40
Grinnell & Grinnell, making deeds	3.55
First National Bank, Derry, safety box rent	2.40
Austin C. Hunt, postage	8.32
Ruth N. Ray, postage	8.59
Frank B. Nay, recording	.40
Curtis Insurance Agency, officers' bonds	65.00
Mildred F. Hunt, clerical work	20.00
Evelyn Trombley, dues, Tax Col. Assoc.	2.00
News-Enterprise Press, printing, envelopes	149.75
Edson Eastman, supplies	58.79
Chester Telephone Co., telephone service	19.92
Roland Nichols, postage	18.00
Preston E. Goodrich, expense	9.25
	387.37

Detail No. 3

Election and Registration

Ladies' Social Circle, dinners, Town Officers	10.00
News-Enterprise Press, checklists	25.00
Philip G. Hazelton, lunch July 11	1.97
Ladies' Social Circle, dinners July 11	10.00

Ladies' Social Circle, dinners and lunches Dec. 30	20.00
Edward E. Griffin, expense	9.60
Leon G. Simonds, Ballot Clerk	15.00
George Pettigrew, Police	15.00
Edwin P. Jones, Supervisor of Checklist	28.20
Edward E. Griffin, Police, Supervisor of Checklist	23.20
Arthur West, Supervisor of Checklist	33.60
Carroll Backmann, Supervisor of Checklist	35.40
Leroy D. Morse, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Bernard Sanborn, Ballot Clerk	15.00
John A. Weeks, Ballot Clerk	15.00
Byron D. Mills, Ballot Clerk	10.00
	271.97

Detail No. 4

Stevens Memorial Hall

Derry Electric Co., light service	33.89
Chester Telephone Co., telephone service	2.20
Edward Griffin, janitor	292.10
Edward Griffin, lawns, bulbs	5.92
Bernard Sanborn, 60 cords wood	84.00
	328.11

Detail No. 5

Police Department

Edward E. Griffin	32.00
George Pettigrew	5.00
John West	14.00
	51.00

Detail No. 6

Fire Department and Forest Fire Account

Derry Electric Co., lights	10.28
Chester Telephone Co., telephone service	6.92
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., balance bill 11-15-43	3.00
Judy's Lunch, gas and oil	8.71
Holmes & Wheeler, coal	30.06
Curtis Insurance Agency, insurance	71.10
John B. Varick Co., merchandise	7.24
State of New Hampshire, supplies	18.76
Milo G. Chase, auto. gas pump	10.50
Aubury G. Robinson, dues, State Fire Assoc.	30.00
Victor Spollett, general expense	44.92
	241.49

Detail No. 7

Health Department and Vital Statistics

Preston E. Goodrich, salary and expense	25.00
Robert Hazelton, vital statistics	9.00
	34.00

Detail No. 8

Old Age Assistance, paid State	353.60

Detail No. 9

Street Lights	1,405.02
War Emergency	5.30
	1,410.32

Detail No. 10

Bounties, 12 hedge hogs	6.00
Discounts	370.95
Wrong Tax	65.06
Pruning Trees	363.20
Post War Appropriations	715.00
Refunds	5.08
	1,525.29

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Charles H. Smith

Town Roads

Andrews, Fred, truck	16.80	
Beairsto, Ernest, labor	9.60	
Church, Muriel, gravel	1.00	
Clement, Felix, gasoline	37.96	
Estes, Harry, tractor, labor	231.30	
Edwards, Harry, labor	13.80	
Gulf Oil Corp., oil	15.60	
Grant, Fred, labor	.90	
G. E. Wolcotts & Son, sawing and trucking	31.50	
Hazelton, John, labor	14.40	
Lessard, Paul, labor	10.80	
Smith, Charles H., foreman	110.40	
Towle, James, 860 ft. of oak and labor	18.07	
Webster, George, spikes	.80	
Weeks, John, labor	5.70	
Wells, Wilson S., gasoline and oil	94.64	
		613.27

Snow

Andrews, William, sanding	3.00	
Audette Service Station, charging battery	.75	
Beairsto, George, gas and oil	2.86	
Clement, Felix, gasoline	14.77	
Edwards, Merton, with tractor	10.00	
Estes, Harry, with tractor	27.20	
Eustis, James, with tractor	39.20	
Fortier, Herman, truck, plowing and sanding	173.00	
Gulf Oil Corp., oil	2.20	
Hazelton, John, labor	1.80	
Henry W. Parker, one ton road salt	18.00	
Lewis, Harold, labor	14.40	
Lessard, Paul, sanding	6.90	
Rand, Loren, gasoline	2.10	
Ray, Herbert, alcohol	5.00	
Smith, Charles H., foreman, truck, sanding and moving brush	49.15	
Towle, Chester, with tractor, sanding	16.70	
Wells, Wilson S., gasoline	19.70	
		406.73
State of New Hampshire		1,779.86
Town of Auburn, snow removal		8.00
		2,807.86

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added to the library in 1944	97
Purchased with town money	64
Purchased with fines	4

Given	29
Books discarded and lost	18
Number of books taken out during year	4,482
Largest number any one day—February 5	92
Smallest number—May 24	5
Average of each library day	48
Per cent of fiction read	71
Per cent of non-fiction read	29
Number of new cards issued	21

Dr

Money received in fines	26.24
Balance on hand from 1943	8.94
	35.18

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Expended for assistant, books and needed supplies	33.27
Cash on hand	1.91
	35.18

Books and magazines have been given to the library by Mrs. Amos Tuck French, Mrs. G. Henry Learnard, Mrs. Harold R. Lewis, Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, Mrs. Edward Wilcox and the State Planning and Development Commission.

One year's subscription to the Derry News was received by the library from Mrs. Mildred S. Robie.

A pair of attractive book ends was presented to the library as a gift by Mrs. Victor B. Spollett.

The library subscribed to the American Magazine, Better Homes and Gardens, Collier's, Country Gentleman, Etude, Good Housekeeping, Hygeia, Ladies' Home Journal, Life and Health, McCabb's National Geo-

graphic, Nature, Popular Science, Reader's Digest, Wee Wisdom, and the Woman's Home Companion.

The number catalogued books is 6,073.

All gifts are gratefully acknowledged.

Laura C. Colman
Librarian

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash on hand 1943	61.38	
May 10—Rec'd from Town	100.00	
Aug. 27—J. C. Chase fund	13.50	
Dec. 30—Rec'd from Town	120.00	
Dec. 30—The Geo. Stevens fund	11.89	
		$306.77

Expenditures

Laura C. Coleman	110.00	
Goodman's Book Store	103.96	
Supplies	.78	
	214.74	
Cash to balance	92.03	
		$306.77

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT, 1944
WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

Revenue

Cash on hand	541.48
Rent of Townsend House	100.00
Paint returned	3.00

Old chairs sold	2.00
Anaconda Dividend	.50
Anaconda Dividend	1.00
Anaconda Dividend	.50
Grass sold	10.00
	$658.48

Disbursements

Telephone bill for 1944	5.06
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Fire Ins. on Townsend House	12.50
To repairs to pump and digging up pipe at Townsend house	24.87
Fire Insurance on Wilcomb Townsend home	100.00
Expense for care of property of Wilcomb Townsend Home	50.00
	$197.43

Revenue	658.48
Disbursements	197.43
Balance on hand	461.05
Bank Balance as per Statement	$461.05

Excerpt of the Decree of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home as of Jan. 22, 1945.

1. That there is no present occasion for continuing the Wilcomb-Townsend Home.

2. That the Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home are authorized to lease or sell any real estate held by the Home provided that the Town votes to give such authorization to such Trustees.

3. That the Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home are authorized and instructed to turn over to the Trustees of the trust funds of the Town of Chester all

funds remaining in their hands after payment of any obligations incurred by them in the management, repair and improvement of the Home and any other real estate owned by the Home.

4. That the Trustees of the Town funds shall pay over to the Trustees of the Home on or before January 30th. of each year the income from the Wilcomb-Townsend trust funds during the prior calendar year.

5. That the Trustees of the Home may expend such income and any additional income received from rent of real estate owned by the Home or from any other source for the maintenance of property owned by the home, for assistance of the aged, infirm and destitute residents in the Town of Chester, preference being given to women, and may use the income to supplement old age assistance when such additional funds are necessary to maintain comfortable persons receiving old age assistance. The income of the trust funds cannot be used to reimburse the Town or to pay the Town's share of the cost of old age assistance. The income may be used to support the aged, infirm and destitute either in a private home in Chester or in a recognized institution outside of the Town of Chester caring for old people.

6. The principal of the trust funds shall not be used without vote of the Town.

7. The vote by the Town is not required for the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay over the income from the trust funds during the prior calendar year to the Trustees of the Home.

8. The Selectmen of the Town have no authority over the expenditures of the income of the trust funds.

9. The Trustees of the Home shall pay over to the Trustees of the Town trust funds on or before January 30th. of each year any unexpended income received during the prior calendar year.

The duties of the Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home have been defined by the court on the basis of the votes of the Town, the articles of incorporation of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home, and the statutes and common law of New Hampshire. Any vote of the Town changing the duties of the Trustees of the home will make these rulings inapplicable so far as concerns the duties of the Trustees of the Home.

Thornton Lorimer
Presiding Justice

December 21, 1944.

ACCOUNT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Amos T. French Cemetery Land

January 31, 1944		
Balance on hand:		
In Savings Bank	411.33	
In National Bank	287.29	
Received Interest	20.34	
		$718.96

Expenditures

Earl M. Hazelton, labor	20.00	
Balance December 31, 1944:		
In Savings Bank	401.24	
In National Bank	297.72	
		$718.96

Harry C. Edwards
Walton E. Leighton
George W. Kimball
Trustees.

GREAT HILL CEMETERY

During 1944, the efforts of the Trustees were devoted largely to landscape work.

190 pivot bushes were set in the form of a hedge around the circle and approaches.

Eleven Spruce trees were set out including one Blue Spruce in center of Circle.

Four large white oak posts were set which, with chains forms a new gateway. Mr. Bernard Sanborn donated posts and assisted trustees in procuring and transporting same.

The Cemetery was hand mowed about every ten days or two weeks throughout the season.

All labor involved in landscaping was donated by Trustees as well as all mowings with two exceptions.

Internments during 1944	3
Lots sold previous to 1944	2
Lots sold during 1944	4
Total	6

Financial Statement

Perpetual Care	$270.02
Savings Account	61.01
Checking Account	181.92
Total	$512.95

REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chester, N. H.
Feb. 21, 1945

During the year 1944 we answered the following calls:—

Chimney fires	8
Building fires	2
Forest fires	4

We assisted in fighting the big forest fire in Raymond, but there has been no fire loss in town in 1944.

We are grateful for the fact that there have been so few fires during the past year, when conditions were such that, but for the carefulness of the townspeople, there might have been a large loss by fire.

New Equipment

200 feet 2½" hose, 12 electric headlights, 1 1½" siamese set of hose change over fittings.

Victor B. Spollett
Fire Chief.

ANOTHER ENEMY TO CONQUER

Here is a home front fight that everyone can get into. Last year in this State 558 brush and forest fires burned over 4,648 acres of land, of which 2,788 acres were valuable timber and young growth. With available manpower the lowest of any year since the war started, you can help to keep this loss down by preventing these fires from starting.

Keep in mind these simple rules:

1. Always get a permit from your forest fire warden before starting any fires in the open. Burning under certain conditions is permitted.
2. Never burn unless you have enough help to control your fire—a permit does not excuse you of negligence in case it gets away.
3. Always report any uncontrolled fire promptly to your forest fire warden. Minutes lost are acres lost.
4. Be especially careful with cigarettes, matches and pipes. Smokers caused most of our fires.
5. Never leave a fire unless it is dead out. You can't feel safe while there is a spark left.

KEEP NEW HAMPSHIRE GREEN

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1944.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS							
May 3, 1904	John W. Noyes by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2½-2	.73	6.79	7.52	
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	2½-2	.12	1.01	1.13	
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will	Town Note	75.00	3½	.99	2.62	2.55	1.06
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.52	2.26	2.40	.38
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs	Town Note	45.00	3½	.16	1.58	1.65	.09
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.00	1.75	2.25	.50
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	2½-2	3.11	7.75	9.50	1.36
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True	Town Note	75.00	3½	1.49	2.62	3.30	.81
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore	Town Note	60.00	3½	.20	2.10	2.30	
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same	Town Note	40.00	3½	.30	1.40	1.70	
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.27	2.26	2.53	
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	1.52	2.28	3.80	
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	2.00	
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½-2	.02	1.13	1.15	
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.05	2.26	2.31	
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	2.20	.05

Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by will	Town Note	60.00	3½	.20	2.10	2.20	.10
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Eyard	Town Note	40.00	3½		1.40	1.25	.15
Sept. 29, 191.	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell	Town Note	50.00	3½	.75	1.75	2.40	.10
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane	Town Note	70.00	3½	.40	2.45	2.80	.05
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.75	1.75	2.50	
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½-2	.02	1.13	1.15	
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	1.55	.45
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.00	1.75	2.75	
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	1.75	.55
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.02	2.26	2.28	
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West	Town Note	50.00	3½	.75	1.75	2.50	
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	2½-2	9.47	5.86	9.00	6.33
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	1.02	2.28	2.00	1.30
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack	Town Note	60.00	3½	.45	2.10	2.00	.55
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	75.00	3½	.87	2.63	2.00	1.50
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.24	2.26	2.50	
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	1.75	.25
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	2.00	

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	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS							
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.50	.25
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill by same	Town Note	25.00	3½	.24	.87	1.00	.11
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.52	2.26	2.78	
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½-2	.59	4.53	5.12	
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	2½-2	3.55	4.60	7.00	1.15
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse	Registred Bond	1,000.00	2½-2	2.77	25.20	26.77	1.20
May 25, 1918	*Albert Knippee by will	Town Note	100.00	3½	3.11	3.75	5.50	1.18
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will	Town Note	200.00	3½	34.98	7.87	14.25	28.60
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	2.20	.05
April 15, 1919	*Joseph Knowles	Town Note	100.00	3½	1.06	3.50	3.30	1.26
April 15, 1919	*Robert and Rebecca Knowles	Town Note	100.00	3½	4.45	3.61	6.50	1.56
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	1.70	.30
Jan. 31, 1920	*Elizabeth I. Kent by will	Town Note	100.00	3½	.58	3.50	3.90	.18
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering	Town Note	80.00	3½	1.60	2.80	2.50	1.90

April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Town Note	40.00	3½	.55	1.40	1.80	.15
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	2.25	
Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	2.00	
May 27, 1922	*John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery	Town Note	100.00	3½	1.57	3.50	4.50	.57
Sept. 30, 1922	*George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	Town Note	100.00	3½	.80	3.50	4.00	.30
Oct. 3, 1922	*Amos Green by Charles H. Green	Town Note	100.00	3½	3.39	3.58	3.50	3.47
Oct. 3 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Town Note	100.00	3½	3.23	3.58	4.25	2.56
Mar. 31, 1923	*Silas F. Learnard by Martha L. Learnard	Town Note	100.00	3½	2.25	3.55	3.00	2.80
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.00	1.75	2.50	.25
Nov. 30, 1923	*Moses Pingree by will	Town Note	100.00	3½	2.25	3.55	2.90	2.90
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie	Town Note	50.00	3½	.75	1.75	1.80	.70
Jan. 31, 1924	*Daniel Bell by will	Town Note	100.00	3½	1.00	3.50	3.00	1.50
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	1.60	.65
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	75.00	3½	1.78	2.63	2.70	1.71
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	2½-2	1.78	4.22	4.30	1.70
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½-2	1.94	4.55	6.49	
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.52	2.26	2.78	
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	2½	.01	1.50	1.51	
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	2½	.66	1.89	2.55	
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	2½-2	41.80	6.00	44.90	2.90
		Mortgage D. A. Hamilton	220.00	5				

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	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS							
Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.02	2.26	2.28	
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½-2	.09	3.39	3.48	
July 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.52	2.26	2.78	
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½-2	2.78	4.58	7.36	
Nov. 5, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.47	2.26	2.50	.23
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	2.25	
Feb. 23, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.55	2.26	2.81	
May 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	1.95	2.29	3.00	1.24
May 8, 15, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.15	2.26	2.41	
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.77	2.27	2.50	.54
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.52	2.26	2.78	
Oct. 23, 1937	Fred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½-2	.32	3.40	3.50	.22
June 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.53	2.26	2.79	
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	2½-2		.90	.90	
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	1.02	2.28	3.30	

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	1.02	2.28	2.53	.77
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½-2	.03	4.52	4.55	
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.01	2.26	2.27	
May 21, 1940	Magdalena Robbs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½-2	2.56	4.58	5.50	1.64
Oct. 31, 1940	John H. Robie by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½-2	.03	3.39	3.42	
Dec. 27, 1940	George Mackintosh by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.02	2.26	2.28	
July 22, 1941	Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	2.12	2.31	3.00	1.43
June 6, 1941	Eva Underhill	Amoskeag Savings Bank	75.00	2½-2	.47	1.70	2.17	
Nov. 8, 1941	Sanborn & Morse by Heirs of Mary A. Sanborn & Leroy D. Morse	Amoskeag Savings Bank	120.00	2½-2	.01	2.71	2.72	
Nov. 29, 1941	Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.73	2.26	2.70	.29
Dec. 8, 1941	Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.76	2.27	3.03	
Oct. 7, 1942	Mary J. Maple by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	2.71	2.31	4.25	.77
May 4, 1942	William Greenough by Arthur Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	2.50	2.31	4.50	.31
May 15, 1942	Arthur E. Leighton by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	2.50	2.31	4.65	.16
Feb. 23, 1942	William P. Nichols by children	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.40	2.26	2.66	
July 27, 1942	Justine P. Creamer by Ina Creamer	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½-2	.61	2.26	2.87	
						4.55	6.10	
Aug. 22, 1942	Isabelle C. Clark by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½-2	1.55	6.81	4.50	3.94
June 18, 1943	Lida E. Crawford by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2½-2	1.63	132.05	35.00	372.05
Dec. 13, 1943	Amos T. French, by will	U. S. Bonds	5,000.00	2½-2	275.00	1.13	1.13	
Feb. 15, 1943	Minnie D. French by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½-2				
					453.95	431.50	426.38	459.07

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	LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS							
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by will	Town Note	339.80	3½		23.78	23.78	
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by John C. Chase	Holliston Water Co.,	500.00	5½		27.25	27.25	
1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb	Amoskeag Savings Bank	3,574.34					
		Manchester Savings Bank	942.16					
		U. S. Registered Bond	1,000.00					
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell	Amoskeag Savings Bank	4,383.60					
		Manchester Savings Bank	4,725.20					
			4,499.73					
			$13,608.53					
Dec. 30, 1944	Post War Appropriation Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	715.00					

* These ten $100 Town Notes were paid by Town Dec. 1944 and have been invested in a $1,000 U. S. Savings Bond Series G.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. Geo. W. Kimball, B. D. Mills, Alvah G. Healey. Auditors.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR
Leroy D. Morse

CLERK
Mildred Hunt

TREASURER
Carrie Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD
Ella A. Allen George Kimball
Mabel Finnigan

SUPERINTENDENT OF SHOOLS
Everton H. Parkinson
Residence, Derry, N. H. Tel. - Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE
Lillian S. Mackintosh
Residence, Chester, N. H. Tel. - Chester 12-2

ATTENDANCE OFFICER
Edward E. Griffin

AUDITOR
Byron Mills

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School	Name	P. O. Address
Village Primary	True, Avis	Chester, N. H.
Village Intermediate	Fowler, Doris	Chester, N. H.
Village Grammar	Evans, Marion	Derry Village, N. H
Towle	Hart, Hazel	Chester, N. H.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1944 - June 1945

1944

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 6, Closes Wednesday, Nov. 22

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Nov. 27 Closes Friday, Dec. 22

1945

Third Period:

Opens Tuesday, Jan. 2 Closes Friday, Feb. 16

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, Feb. 26 Closes Friday, April 20

Fifth Period:

Opens Monday, April 30 Closes at end of 180 Teaching Days

September 1945 - June 1946

1945

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 5, Closes Wednesday, Nov. 21

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Nov. 26 Closes Thursday, Dec. 20

1946

Third Period:

Opens Wednesday, Jan. 2 Closes Thursday, Feb. 21

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, Mar. 4 Closes Friday, April 19

Fifth Period:

Opens Monday, April 29 Closes at end of 180 Teaching Days

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Hall in said district on the 13th day of March, 1945 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the Special Committee to select and take option on a proper site for a new central school and raise and appropiate the sum of $200 for this purpose.

10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the Special Committee to execute a contract with a school architect and secure the necessary plans and specifications for the construction of a new central school and to raise and appropriate the sum of $2000 for this purpose.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 12th day of February, 1945.

Ella Allen
George Kimball
Mabel Finnigan
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Ella Allen
George Kimball
Mabel Finnigan
School Board

BUDGET

Item	Appro. for 1944-45	Proposed for 1945-46
PAYMENTS		
Support of Schools:		
Teachers' salaries	$4,400.00	$4,745.44
Text books	126.00	127.68
Scholars' supplies	187.00	167.04
Flags	5.00	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	20.00	20.00
Janitor services	156.00	225.00
Fuel	300.00	300.00
Water, light & janitor supplies	50.00	75.00
Minor repairs	150.00	150.00
Medical inspection	174.28	174.28
Transportation	1,550.00	1,616.00
Tuition	3,655.74	3,780.00
Other Statutory Obligations:		
Salaries of district officers	176.00	186.00
Superintendent excess alary	153.33	152.63
Truant officer and census	15.00	15.00
Expenses of administration	45.00	60.00
Per capita tax	282.00	262.00
Insurance	142.50	142.50
Total expense	11,587.85	12,203.57

Income:		
Cash on hand July 1	500.00	1,500.00
State aid	1,648.02	1,900.08
Dog tax	100.00	100.00
Trust fund	137.00	132.00
Total estimated income	2,385.02	3,632.08
Total estimated payments	11,587.85	12,203.57
Total estimated income	2,385.02	3,632.08
Tax levy	9,202.83	8,571.49
Special appropriation	900.00	
Total tax levy	10,102.83	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944

INCOME:		
Cash on hand July 1, 1943	$1,485.56	
Tax levy	7,661.60	
State aid	1,648.02	
Dog tax	214.20	
Trust funds	137.58	
Other receipts	522.62	
Total income		11,669.58
PAYMENTS		
Support of Schools:		
Teachers' salaries	4,113.20	
Text books	266.70	
Scholars' supplies	220.88	
Other expenses of instruction	3.95	
Janitor service	140.40	
Fuel	279.40	

Light and Janitor's supplies	80.13	
Minor repairs	341.75	
Health supervision	174.30	
Transportation	1,417.37	
Tuition—high school	2,815.05	
Other Statutory Obligations:		
Salaries of district officers	166.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	153.53	
Truant officers and school census	14.50	
Expenses of administration	54.55	
Per capita tax	310.00	
Insurance	12.50	
New equipment	113.38	
Total payments		10,677.59
Cash on hand June 30, 1944		991.99

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Chester of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Lewis J. Gordon
Auditor

July 8th, 1944

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944

Cash on hand June 30, 1943	$1,485.56
Received from selectmen, appropriations	7,661.60
Received from selectmen, dog tax	214.20

Received from State Treasurer, state aid	1,838.52	
Received from trust funds	137.58	
Received from other sources	332.12	
Total amount available for fiscal year		$11,669.58
Less school board orders paid		10,677.59
Balance on hand June 30, 1944		991.99

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944 and find them correct in all respects.

Lewis J. Gordon
Auditor

July 8, 1944.

Deposited in School House Fund:
January 1, 1945 $1,214.02

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Mr. Everton H. Parkinson
Superintendent of Schools
Derry, N. H.

I submit the following report for the schools of Chester:

		Corrected
Number of pupils examined	97	
Number of pupils with defective vision	5	3
Number of pupils with defective teeth	31	26

Number of pupils with defective tonsils	4
Number of pupils attending dental clinic	16
Number of home calls	48
Number of school calls	84

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian S. Mackintosh
School Nurse

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The committee after being appointed by the moderator met and organized with Mrs. Ella Allen as chairman and Mr. George Kimball as clerk. Mr. Paul Farnum, State Administrative Field Agent, met with the committee and discussed procedure. A list of schools with some special feature of construction or design was compiled so that the committee might include in a tentative room schedule for a building those features which seemed desirable to meet the needs of the children of Chester.

Three trips were made to visit schools in various communities in the state. Francestown, Dublin, Keene, New Ipswich, and Amherst were visited on one trip. Candia, Auburn and Kingston were visited on another occasion. The third and last trip was made to Guilford. On this trip the Dame school in Concord was also included in the itinerary.

The committee met to discuss features observed in the previously mentioned schools and tentatively formed a concept of the type building desired. At the meeting the committee voted to present an enabling act to the legislature to permit extension of the statutory debt limit so that the district might be in a position to proceed with construction when deemed advisable.

The committee met with the state tax commissioners to discuss such an enabling act. The commissioners discussed the proposition thoroughly and prepared an enabling act which was presented to the legislature by Mr. Jones, Chester's representative. Mr. Byron Mills and the superintendent of schools attended a hearing of the judiciary committee on the act. The judiciary committee reported favorably on the act.

At a subsequent meeting of your special committee it was voted to submit special articles in the school district warrant for the consideration of the voters.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Allen
Roland Nichols
Byron Mills
Philip Hazelton
Mabel Finnigan
George Kimball

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my third annual report as superintendent of schools of Chester:

Statistical Reports

Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1945 was 95 as compared to 106 for the same period last year and 106 two years ago.

The membership by school and grade for January 31, 1945 follows:

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Primary	9	11	10	11	9				50

Grammar						13	8	6	27
Towle	3	2	4	2	2	1	3	1	18
Total	12	13	14	13	11	14	11	7	95

The number of Chester pupils who were in attendance at high school on January 31, 1945 may be seen from the following:

School	Grades				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Pinkerton Academy	5	6	5	1	17
Raymond High	3	6	2	1	12
Totals	8	12	7	2	29

Statistics for the School Year Ending June 30, 1944

Total registration	103
Half days schools were in session	358
Average membership	94.523
Average attendance	88.088
Per cent of attendance	93.192
Pupils not absent nor tardy	3
Cases of tardiness	122
Non-resident pupils	0
Pupils transported at district expense	17
Number of pupils promoted	95
Number of pupils not promoted	0
Per cent not promoted	0

ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy for the school year September 1943 to June 1944.

Village

Grade 4

Gate, Agnes

Grade 5

Smith, Jeanette

Grade 8

Woodard, Dorothy

Census Returns, September 30, 1944

Number of resident children 5 to 16 in local schools	92	
Number 5 to 16 in Pinkerton Academy	8	
Number 5 to 16 in high schools outside district	8	
Number 5 to 16 in elementary schools outside district	0	
Total number 5 to 16 in some school		108
Number 5 to 8 not in school	10	
Number 8 to 14 not in school	0	
Number 14 to 16 not in school	0	
Total number of children 5 to 16 not in some school		10
Total number of resident children Sept. 30, 1944		118
Total number of resident children Sept. 30, 1943		123

On Thursday evening, June 15, 1944 graduation exercises were held in the Stevens Memorial Hall for nine pupils who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies. Appropriate exercises preceded the awarding of certificates to the following:

Grammar School
- William D. Andrews
- Elizabeth M. Jones
- Paul R. Lessard
- Philip F. MacDonald
- Nancy A. Rand
- Dana L. Roberts
- Dorothy M. Woodard

Towle School
- James E. Dickason
- James W. Towle Jr.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

The teaching staff again presented problems which become, as time goes on, increasingly more difficult to solve. The salary level for teachers as for all others is advancing. The resignation of Miss Alcha Huntress to accept a position in Massachusetts necessitated engaging a substitute teacher. For a period of several weeks a temporary substitute was engaged. Mrs. Marion Evans was engaged as a permanent substitute when she became available. The schools were then in charge of teachers of successful experience and the educational progress of Chester pupils continued in a normal manner. The teacher shortage has thus far affected Chester only slightly. The pupils are fortunate that this has been true. The pupils profit greatly when their educational program is administered by competent trained teachers. Mrs. Hart, Mrs. True, Mrs. Evans and Miss Fowler comprise such a staff and it is hoped that the education of Chester pupils may continue in the hands of teachers of high calibre.

The present policy of book and supply purchasing was continued. New basal and supplementary materials were provided in the schools. No special emphasis was made on any particular subject or field of work. The schools, however, felt the impact of our war economy more severely than heretofore. Delays were experienced in the arrival of books. Publishers quotas in textbook paper prevented them from meeting the heavy demand for fall deliveries and even though allowance was made for delay the shipments came in very slowly.

School supplies are not as good in quality as we customarily use in all instances. Limitations on the manufacture of papers of certain types make it necessary to use inferior quality papers. This is simply a statement of a temporary condition that will be remedied

with the cessation of hostilities. It is another contribution of the schools of the country to the war.

The teachers continue to cooperate in furthering war caused activities. Stamps are regularly made available to the pupils. This is, in addition to giving pupils an opportunity to assist in the financing of the war, inculcating a valuable habit of regular savings. Up to the present the one concentrated contribution of the pupils has been the collection of milk weed floss to replace the kapok of life preservers. The pupils of the Chester schools collected 26 bags of the pods which would provide sufficient floss for 13 life preservers.

The report of the special committee indicates that some progress is being made towards solving the school housing problem. It is necessarily a slow process for the committee is anxious to move slowly because of existing conditions but at the same time to move expeditiously enough to be in a position to take advantage of any change that may occur in existing conditions.

The Budget

The budget shows an overall decrease of $284.28. In view of the fact that arrangements were made to continue to use the I O U A M and Relief Corps hall it was not necessary to use the special appropriation to repair the brick school house. The school furniture market was such that it was thought desirable to continue to use the desks borrowed from Derry. This enables the board to show a balance of $1500 (estimated) as of July 1, 1945 with a resulting decrease in the tax levy of $631.34 for regular school purposes.

If the district sees fit to authorize the special committee to proceed in accord with the special articles there will be an increase in the levy of $1,368.68. There is some wisdom in so doing for it will spread any con-

struction costs over a longer period with less abrupt changes in the levy and tax rate.

Conclusion

The schools have operated on a near normal level. The loyalty and continued service of experienced teachers contributes in large measure to this. It is hoped that this condition will continue. That schools have operated as well as they have is a tribute to the teachers, parents, pupils and school board all of whom have cooperated in the face of existing conditions to overcome any of the many difficulties which are natural to a war economy. I appreciate the many things which have been and are being done by all to make possible the continuance of the education of Chester pupils at as high a level as seems possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson

Superintendent of Schools.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Registered in the

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1944

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1944.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female	L'v'g or Stillb.	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
1944										
Jan. 9	Brentwood	Sandra L. Frizzle	f	l	2	w	Charles D. Frizzle.	Shirley Dichardson	Concord, Mass.	Chester, N. H.
Jan. 25	Derry	Douglas T. Nicoll	m	l	2	w	Robert T. Nicoll...	Gladys Tewksbury	Andover, Mass.	Derry, N. H.
Feb. 2	Manchester	Ronald L. Allen	m	l	2	w	Volney C. Allen...	Bernice Richardson	Chester, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Apr. 23	Exeter	William H. Simano	m	l	1	w	Wm. H. Simano Jr.	Mary I. Melkonian	Raymond, N. H.	Boston, Mass.
Apr. 30	E. Derry	Elaine M. Carey	f	l	2	w	Donald I. Carey...	Hazel M. Woodard	Bucksport, Maine	Chester, N. H.
June 20	E. Derry	Nanette E. Snyder	f	l	1	w	George S. Snyder..	Emily F. Montgomery	Fairport H'b'r, Ohio	Columbus, Ohio
Oct. 17	E. Derry	Marilyn R. Towle	f	l	5	w	James W. Towle..	Eleanor B. Watt	Chester, N. H.	E. Dedham, Mass.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. C. Hazelton, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1944.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married.
1944										
Feb. 13	Chester	Arthur G. Blogos	Manchester ..	55	w	Shoeworker ..	Greece	George Blogos	1	R. C. Hazelton
		Dorilla Turcotte	Manchester ..	58	w	Housekeeper .	Canada	Helen Pagindas		Justice of Paece
								Edward Proulx	2	Chester
								Josephine Vincent ...		
May 17	Auburn	Daniel C. Hosley	Boston Mass.	48.	w	Road maker .	Dorchester,	Herbert Hosley	1	John R. Ryans
		Minnie J. Gordon ...	Malden, Mass.	47	w	At home	Mass.	Gertrude Wilson		Minister
							Medford,	Ernest A. Jacobs	2	Auburn
							Mass.	Susan Evans		
Oct. 20	Raymond ..	Frederick W. Hicks ..	Chester	20	w	Farmer	Malden,	Arthur A. Hicks	1	Chas. W. Frye
		Mary B. Ring	Chester	20	w	Tel. Oper. ...	Mass.	Ethel A. Russell		Clergyman
							Lynn,	William J. Ring	1	Raymond
							Mass.	Augusta S. Bruce		
Dec. 23	Auburn	Harry P. McFarland .	Chester	27	w	Laundryman .	Raymond	Fred P. McFarland ...	1	John R. Ryans
		Catherine L. Klubko .	Brookfield,	22	w	Housework ..	Brookfield,	Marion Porter		Minister
			Conn.				Conn.	John Klubko	1	Auburn
								Mary Novack		

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R. C. Hazelton, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1944.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1944 Feb 24	Chester	Catherine F. McKendry	81	Portland, Me.	Henry Fabey	Mary A. Brindle
Apr. 13	Manchester	Malcolm E. Wells	31	Chester	Wilson S. Wells	Nellie S. Morse
May 27	E. Derry	Mabel Ellen Jones	50	Newark, N. J.	Freeman C. Teague	Nellie Gilpatrick
Aug. 1	Chester	Clarence A. Wetherbee	69	Reading, Vt.	Levi Wetherbee	Mary Cram
Sept. 19	Kittery, Me.	Lester Iver Chinn	50	Pepperell, Mass.	Sidney W. Chinn	Unknown
Oct. 8	Manchester	Lucy M. Webster	82	Chester	Woodbury Marstus	Kezia Felch
Nov. 5	Brentwood	Winfield S. Rand	82	Methuen, Mass.	Elmer Rand	Lucindy Rand
Dec. 6	Chester	Winifred H. West	77	Chester	George M. West	Nancy A. Hemenway
Nov. 5	Chester	George S. Webster	88	Chester	Moses Webster	Martha Gibson

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